

formation of the agencies of the Department specified in section 7031(b) of this title.

(b) Implementation

In carrying out subsection (a) of this section, the Secretary shall ensure that an agricultural producer is able—

(1) to file electronically or in paper form, at the option of the agricultural producer, all forms required by agencies of the Department specified in section 7031(b) of this title;

(2) to file electronically or in paper form, at the option of the agricultural producer, all documentation required by agencies of the Department specified in section 7031(b) of this title and determined appropriate by the Secretary; and

(3) to access information of the Department concerning farm programs, quarterly trade, economic, and production reports, and other similar production agriculture information that is readily available to the public in paper form.

(Pub. L. 106-222, §3, June 20, 2000, 114 Stat. 354.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 7033 and 7034 of this title.

§ 7033. Availability of agency information technology funds

(a) Reservation of funds

From funds made available for agencies of the Department specified in section 7031(b) of this title for information technology or information resource management, the Secretary shall reserve from those agencies' applicable accounts a total amount equal to not more than the following:

(1) For fiscal year 2001, \$3,000,000.

(2) For each subsequent fiscal year, \$2,000,000.

(b) Time for reservation

The Secretary shall notify Congress of the amount to be reserved under subsection (a) of this section for a fiscal year not later than December 1 of that fiscal year.

(c) Use of funds

(1) Establishment

Funds reserved under subsection (a) of this section shall be used to establish the Internet-based system required under section 7031 of this title and to expand the system as required by section 7032 of this title.

(2) Maintenance

Once the system is established and operational, reserved amounts shall be used for maintenance and improvement of the system.

(d) Return of funds

Funds reserved under subsection (a) of this section and unobligated at the end of the fiscal year shall be returned to the agency from which the funds were reserved, to remain available until expended.

(Pub. L. 106-222, §4, June 20, 2000, 114 Stat. 354.)

§ 7034. Federal Crop Insurance Corporation and Risk Management Agency

(a) In general

Not later than December 1, 2000, the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation and the Risk Management Agency shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate a plan, that is consistent with this subchapter, to allow agricultural producers to—

(1) obtain, over the Internet, from approved insurance providers all forms and other information concerning the program under the jurisdiction of the Corporation and Agency in which the agricultural producer is a participant; and

(2) file electronically all paperwork required for participation in the program.

(b) Administration

The plan shall—

(1) conform to sections 7031(c) and 7032(b) of this title; and

(2) prescribe—

(A) the location and type of data to be made available to agricultural producers;

(B) the location where agricultural producers can electronically file their paperwork; and

(C) the responsibilities of the applicable parties, including agricultural producers, the Risk Management Agency, the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, approved insurance providers, crop insurance agents, and brokers.

(c) Implementation

Not later than December 1, 2001, the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation and the Risk Management Agency shall complete implementation of the plan submitted under subsection (a) of this section.

(Pub. L. 106-222, §5, June 20, 2000, 114 Stat. 355.)

§ 7035. Confidentiality

In carrying out this subchapter, the Secretary—

(1) may not make available any information over the Internet that would otherwise not be available for release under section 552 or 552a of title 5; and

(2) shall ensure, to the maximum extent practicable, that the confidentiality of persons is maintained.

(Pub. L. 106-222, §6, June 20, 2000, 114 Stat. 355.)

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CHAPTER REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This chapter is referred to in section 7401 of this title.

§ 7101. Findings and declaration of policy**(a) Findings**

Congress finds that—

- (1) sheep and sheep products are important goods;
- (2) the production of sheep and sheep products play a significant role in the economy of the United States in that sheep and sheep products are produced throughout the United States and used by millions of people throughout the United States and foreign countries;
- (3) sheep and sheep products must be high quality, readily available, handled properly, and marketed efficiently to ensure that consumers have an adequate supply of sheep products;
- (4) the maintenance and expansion of existing markets and development of new markets for sheep and sheep products are vital to the welfare of sheep producers and persons concerned with marketing, using, and producing sheep and sheep products, as well as to the general economy of the United States, and necessary to ensure the ready availability and efficient marketing of sheep and sheep products;
- (5) there exist established State organizations conducting sheep and sheep product pro-

motion, research, and industry and consumer education programs that are invaluable to the efforts of promoting the consumption of sheep and sheep products;

(6) the cooperative development, financing, and implementation of a coordinated national program of sheep and sheep product promotion, research, consumer information, education, and industry information are necessary to maintain and expand existing markets and develop new markets for sheep and sheep products; and

(7) sheep and sheep products move in interstate and foreign commerce, and sheep and sheep products that do not move in such channels of commerce directly burden or affect interstate commerce in sheep and sheep products.

(b) Policy

It is the policy of Congress that it is in the public interest to authorize the establishment, through the exercise of the powers provided in this chapter, of an orderly procedure for developing, financing (through adequate assessments on sheep and sheep products produced or imported into the United States), and carrying out an effective, continuous, coordinated program of promotion, research, consumer information, education, and industry information designed to—

- (1) strengthen the position of the sheep and sheep product industry in the marketplace;
- (2) maintain and expand existing domestic and foreign markets and uses for sheep and sheep products; and
- (3) develop new markets and uses for sheep and sheep products.

(c) Construction

Nothing in this chapter provides for the control of production, or otherwise limits, the right of any person to produce sheep or sheep products.

(Pub. L. 103–407, § 2, Oct. 22, 1994, 108 Stat. 4210.)

SHORT TITLE

Section 1 of Pub. L. 103–407 provided that: “This Act [enacting this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Sheep Promotion, Research, and Information Act of 1994.’”

WOOL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND PROMOTION TRUST FUND

Pub. L. 106–200, title V, § 506, May 18, 2000, 114 Stat. 303, provided that:

“(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby established within the Treasury of the United States a trust fund to be known as the Wool Research, Development, and Promotion Trust Fund (hereafter in this section referred to as the ‘Trust Fund’), consisting of such amounts as may be transferred to the Trust Fund under subsection (b)(1) and any amounts as may be credited to the Trust Fund under subsection (c)(2).

“(b) TRANSFER OF AMOUNTS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer to the Trust Fund out of the general fund of the Treasury of the United States amounts determined by the Secretary of the Treasury to be equivalent to the amounts received into such general fund that are attributable to the duty received on articles under chapters 51 and 52 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States [see Publication of Harmonized Tariff Schedule note set out under section 1202 of Title 19, Customs Duties], subject to the limitation in paragraph (2).